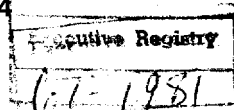




DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON



March 8, 1961

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Dear Allen:

Thank you ever so much for your thoughtful note of February 21, concerning  I do hope that something will work out for him, and appreciate your personal interest.

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On Saturday morning Betty and I are off for Ottawa, and I cannot leave without telling you what a pleasure and inspiration it has been to have worked so closely with you during these past two years. You are truly one of the Pillars of Hercules in this government. Finally, Betty and I have enjoyed every minute we have seen you and Clover on the many happy occasions we have been together.

Sincerely,

Livingston T. Merchant

The Honorable  
Allen W. Dulles,  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

You asked me to check on the status of Mr.  
 and to let you know before you  
wrote to Ambassador Merchant.

There is nothing new beyond what is stated  
in attached letter. Personnel will keep  
you advised.

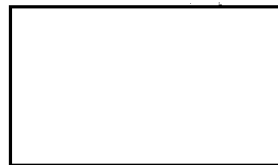
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

For your information, I am attaching a  
copy of your 21 February letter to Livie Merchant.



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